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STORAGE UNITS

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 AND 37 CFR § 1.55, Applicants hereby  
claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-31150  
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